

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/033,150

Examiner

David M. Naff

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment of 2/17/04.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 41-71.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/29/04.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the title, cancel the title and insert the following title --- METHOD OF FORMING A CELL PATTERN ON A SURFACE ---.

Applicants' representative, Samuel H. Megerditchian, authorized the following amendments by telephone on 4/29/04.

Amendment of 2/11/04,

Page 2, in the line making an insertion to page 7 that recites "Page 7, after line 21", change "21" to --- 3 ---, since after line 21 is in the middle of a sentence and after line 3 is more appropriate for the insertion.

In the claims,

Claim 41, line 2, change "sails" to --- cells ---.

Claims 44 and 45, line 1, after "are" insert --- from ---.

Claim 56, line 1, change "54" to --- 55 ---.

Claim 66, line 2, cancel "the group consisting of thrombin and other".

Claim 69, after "cells" insert --- on a surface ---.

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Claim 70, before "patterns" insert --- a plurality of ---,
after "cells" insert --- produced by the method ---, and change
"68" to --- 41 ---.

Add the following claim ---

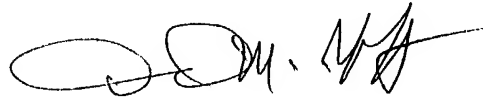
71. (new) The method according to claim 66, wherein said
blood coagulation factor is thrombin. ---.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier
communications from the examiner should be directed to David M.
Naff whose telephone number is 571-272-0920. The examiner can
normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are
unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mike Wityshyn can be
reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the
organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is
703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DM. Naff', with a large, stylized loop at the beginning and a horizontal line extending to the right.

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